

PRESS RELEASE

ATC SUSPENDS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT

14 Yr. Old Arrested For Selling Alcohol to Other Minors

July 12, 2011

Baton Rouge, La., Alcohol & Tobacco Control Commissioner Troy Hebert has ordered an emergency suspension of the alcoholic beverage permit issued to Julian Food Store owned by Ayyad Muhammad and located at 4500 Woodland Drive, New Orleans after the business was caught selling alcohol to minors for the third time in less than 5 months. This is in addition to numerous other alcoholic beverage and tobacco related charges.

Last Friday ATC Special Agents charged Julian Food Store with a third offense of selling alcohol to a minor as well as employing an unsupervised fourteen year old to sell alcoholic beverages. According to ATC Agents, the fourteen year old male was arrested and transported to a juvenile detention center for making the illegal sale. Agents further claim the juvenile was working the store along with a fifteen year old and that the two were unsupervised at the time of the sale.

"We at ATC will not tolerate a business that continues to blatantly disregard the law by insisting on selling alcohol to minors," said Commissioner Hebert.

The recent charges are just the latest indication of trouble coming from this business. The following are a list of violations against the business:

July 7, 2011

Administrative

26:286A(2) Sale of alcohol to a person under 21 years

26:90A(8)(b) Unsupervised minors selling alcohol

26:76A(5)/276A(5) Permits not properly displayed

55:305A Prohibitive Acts signage not displayed

26:911A(3) Tobacco signage not displayed

Criminal

14:93.11 Sale of alcohol to persons under 21 years

April 9, 2011

Administrative

26:286A(2) Sale of alcohol to a person under 21 years

26:76A(5)/276A(5) Permits not properly displayed

55:305A Prohibitive Acts signage not displayed

26:911A(3) Tobacco signage not displayed

Criminal

14:93.11 Sale of alcohol to persons under 21 years

March 22, 2011

Administrative

26:286A(2) Sale of alcohol to a person under 21 years

55:305A Prohibitive Acts signage not displayed

26:911C Sale of single cigarettes

Criminal

14:93.11 Sale of alcohol to persons under 21 years

A hearing is currently set for Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 am. Please contact Commissioner Troy Hebert for additional information at (225)925-4054.